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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR MAROC

"FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT QUOTE

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1. AS EMBASSY AWARE, APPLICATION OF ROYAL AIR MAROC FOR US "FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT" NEEDED TO INAUGURATE AIR SERVICE TO NEW YORK IS NOW BEFORE US CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD FOR APPROVAL. CAB ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE MAY 16 RECOMMENDED GRANT OF MOROCCO-NEW YORK-MONTREAL ROUTE IN PERMIT, AS SHOWN IN US-MOROCCAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT. APPLICATION MUST NOW GO BEFORE BOARD ITSELF AND, IF APPROVED, BE SENT TO WHITE HOUSE FOR FINAL ACTION.

2. IN NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS, THIS PROCESS PROBABLY WOULD TAKE TWO TO THREE MONTHS MORE TO COMPLETE, AND MIGHT RUN AS LONG AS SIX MONTHS.

3. BECAUSE OF HEAVY WORKLOAD, OTHER FACTORS, IT MAY BE THAT FINAL APPROVAL OF PERMIT MAY BE DELAYED SOMEWHAT LONGER THAN NORMAL. DUE OTHER FACTORS NOT RELATED TO MOROCCO, DEPT. WOULD WELCOME SUCH A SHORT ADDITIONAL DELAY, SINCE IT MIGHT HELP MATERIALLY IN DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS

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NOW IN PROGRESS WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY. WE WOULD NOT, OF

COURSE, INTIMATE TO MOROCCANS OR OUTSIDE USG THAT DELAY WAS ANYTHING OUT OF ORDINARY.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT WHETHER DELAY IN ISSUANCE PERMIT TO AIR MAROC UNTIL, E.G. DECEMBER 1974 OR JANUARY 1975 WOULD CAUSE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE REACTION BY GOM. PRIMARY FACTOR WOULD BE STATUS OF AIR MAROC PLANS TO INITIATE THESE OPERATIONS, INCLUDING AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT, MARKETING PLANS, ETC, BUT EMBASSY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT APPROACH MOROCCANS ON SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE DELAY. UNLESS EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT TENDS INDICATE OTHERWISE, DEPT'S ASSUMPTION IS THAT, GIVEN NORMAL LENGTHY PROCESSING TIME, GOM COULD BE MOLLI-FIED REGARDING TWO-OR THREE MONTH ADDITIONAL DELAY UNLESS THEIR PLANS INDICATE ACTUAL READINESS TO BEGIN OPERATION SOON.

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